

## AMENDMENTS TO ABSTRACT

### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A pipeline is laid from a first position to a second position with a connector at the second position for connection to a subsea structure, at a depth (L). A first seabed transponder is installed on the centerline at the second position; a A second seabed transponder is installed on the centerline upstream from the first transponder at a distance (D3) greater than (L); ~~the~~ The first and second seabed transponders are located to determine the distance separating the first and second seabed transponders; a A first pipe transponder is attached on the pipeline and the pipeline is laid at the first position so that it will land close to the second seabed transponder; ~~the~~ The second seabed transponder and the first pipe transponder are located to establish the distance between them; ~~the~~ The distance is compared with the distance separating the first and second seabed transponders to calculate the remaining length of pipeline required to reach the second position.